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REPLY TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION IN CONTINUED EXAMINATION APPLICATION

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Dear Sir:

This is in reply to the first Official Office Action (Paper No. 14), mailed September 3, 2003, in this continued examination application. A one (1) month extension of time for reply to January 3, 2004 has been granted by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time.

At the time of the first Office Action, claims 1-6, 8, 10, 11, 15-18 and 20-25 were present as elected claims in the application. Of those claims, claims 1, 6 and 15 were independent claims. The remaining claims 12-14 were non-elected pursuant to an earlier